

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY, AIR PERMITS PROGRAM**

Anchorage Title V Permit Supervisor
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OPEN-BURNING APPROVAL APPLICATION

Controlled Burning for Land Clearing

Open burning of woody debris material by farmers and developers requires written DEC approval if the intent is to clear and burn 40 acres or more per year.

Person(s) Responsible:

Land Owner: _____	Applicant: _____
Mailing Address: _____	Mailing Address: _____
Physical Address: _____	Physical Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Contact phone number during the burn (mandatory): _____	

Burning Summary:

Legal Description of Burn Site: _____

Physical location of Burn Site: _____

Type and Quantity of Material to be Burned: _____

Anticipated Duration of the Burning Event _____ Anticipated Burn Date: _____

Number of Acres to be Cleared: _____ Estimated Number of Piles: _____

Estimated Composition of Piles: _____ Estimated Pile Size: _____

Do berm piles contain less than 5% non-combustibles (such as soil, snow or ice): _____

Are piles longer than 1000 feet without a fire break? _____

Are piles loosely stacked to allow for natural draft? _____

Have the berms been cured for one year prior to ignition? _____

How do you propose to extinguish the berm piles if necessary? _____

Can this be accomplished within two hours? _____

One Time Event: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Multiple Events: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Written approval may be issued for extended periods of up to one year as long as the applicant provides a written summary following each burn event. The summary must include efforts made for public notice and weather conditions during the burn, including visibility, wind direction and speed.

Other Disposal Options:

Is land clearing through open burning the only feasible alternative to disposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Identify other options for disposal (such as marketing timber): _____

Enhanced Burning Information:

What will be done to enhance the active fire phase and reduce smoldering? _____

Indicate how you will predict smoke dispersion prior to the burn. Note that if unacceptable smoke dispersion occurs, no fires are to be ignited.

Sensitive Features:

☐ Attach a map of the burn area; show roads, airports, medical facilities, and schools (in session).

Indicate multiple burn sites (if any) within the proposed burn area; and

Indicate distance of sensitive features from burn area.

Public Notice:

A successful burn is one in which no complaints are received. One way to reduce complaints is to make sure everyone around you knows when a burn will occur.

How will you notify your neighbors of your anticipated burn? _____

If burning is to occur within a non-urban area, list neighbors within one-mile radius of the burn area. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

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Address: _____
Telephone: _____

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Address: _____
Telephone: _____

How will you notify persons in charge of sensitive areas indicated on your map? _____

Notifications shall also be made to the FAA, State Troopers, military, fire department, adjacent land managers, etc. who are potentially affected by visibility or adverse smoke impacts prior to ignition.

Did you obtain a permit from or notify the Forestry Division of the Department of Natural Resources of your planned activity? If not, why?

Meteorological / Weather Forecasting:

How will meteorological data be obtained prior to the burn, including visibility, wind direction and speed, precipitation?

How will weather be monitored during the burn? _____

What will you do if wind shifts or weather changes create an adverse impact to the sensitive areas identified on your map?

If any safety hazard is present or if requested by the persons in control of a sensitive area, you must extinguish the fire as quickly as possible. You will be held legally responsible for any accidents or adverse health effects that occur because of your open burn.

Certification:

Based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, I certify that the statements and information in and attached to this document are true, accurate, and complete.

Signature of Applicant & Date

Signature of Landowner & Date

Printed Name of Applicant

Printed Name of Landowner

Please note that there are permit administrative fees of \$78 per hour, with a \$100 retainer for each open burn approval request, if the burning is conducted at a stationary source subject to AS 46.14.240. This fee requirement does not apply to private land owners/operators or public land managers for sites that are not a part of a stationary source requiring a DEC Air Quality Permit. Make checks payable to the State of Alaska DEC.

Send each open burn application and check, if applicable, to:

DEC Air Permits Program
Anchorage TV Permit Supervisor
Open Burn Request
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Your approval will be issued within 30 days (or sooner). After you receive your approval, remember to notify DEC prior to each days ignition at 1-800-770-8818 and to send in your written summary after the burn.

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A copy of the open burning guidelines may be obtained through our website:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/air/ap/docs/obrguide.pdf>